(c) whether any such project has been cleared so far in the recent past; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) to (d) The Industrial Credit & Investment Corporation of India Limited (ICICI) has reported that it has not directly financed any State Government infrastructure project so far. It has also not made any offer to any State Government in this regard. ICICI has, however, further reported that it has, at the request of State Governments of West Bengal and Kerala had taken initiative to form joint venture companies in these States. These companies are expected to play the role of a facilitator in promoting development of infrastructure through private participation. This is proposed to be achieved through study of infrastructure requirements, carrying out feasibility studies, structuring infrastructure projects as commercially viable entities and inviting private capital into such projects.

Financial Assistance for Development of Tourism in Tamil Nadu

173. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has sought financial assistance from the Union Government for the development of tourism in the state; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount sanctioned during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Based on the proposals received from the State Government of Tamil Nadu, Department of Tourism, Government of India sanctioned 34 projects/schemes amounting to Rs. 655.59 lakhs for developing of tourism in the State during the last three years. The details of the projects/schemes sanctioned with amount, yearwise are given in the statement.

Statement

Projects/Schemes sanctioned during 1992-93

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
TAMIL NADU		
1.	Cottages at Kodaikanal	30.40
2.	Wayside amenities at Thiruvakkarai	11.25
3.	Yatri Niwas at Rameshwaram	44.78
4.	Purchase of Hang gliding equipment	4.13
5.	Rock climbing and Trekking equipment for Coonoor and Niigiri	4.00
6.	Tea and Tourism festival, Coonoor	6.10
7.	Natyanjali festival	3.63
8.	Mahabalipuram Dance festival	3.13
	TOTAL :	107.42

Projects/Schemes sanctioned during 1993-94

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
TAMIL NADU		
1.	Tourist Lodge at Parambalur	23.97
2	Tourist Lodge at Namakkal	23.25
3.	Tourist Lodge at Virduunagar	28.78
4.	Tourist Complex at Krishnagiri	33.54
5.	Tourist Lodge at Courtallam	39.30
6.	Yatri Niwas at Samayapuram	39.92
7.	Tourist Complex at Salem	33.21
8.	Tourist Complex at Kumbankonam	39.37
9.	Tourist Lodge at Palani	22.73
10.	Tourist Complex at Thirunclvelli	39.97
11.	Renovation & modification of POW type of special tourist train to be run between Madras and Rameshwaram	48.00
12.	Purchase of Water sports equipment for Muttukadu backwater and Pulicat Lake	14.94
13.	Tea and Tourism Festival at Coonoor	3.30
14.	Natyanjali Festival	3.00
15.	Summer Festival	3.98
16.	Chitrai Festival at Maduria	5.19
	TOTAL:	402.45

Projects/Schemes sanctioned during 1994-95

Sl. No.	Name of the project/scheme	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
TAMIL NADU		
1.	Tourist Lodge at Puddukotai	18.78
2.	Tourist Reception Centre at Thanjavur	26.30
3.	Yatri Niwas at Thiruvanamalai	39.10
4.	Tourist Reception Centre at Tranquebar	29.49
5.	Tourist Lodge at Villupuram	18.78
6.	Chittrai Festival	3.83
7.	Natyanjali Festival	1.74
8.	Mamallapuram Dance Festival	2.70
9.	Assistance for production of publicity literature TOTAL:	5.00
		145.72